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In re Application of :
William O. Gohlke :
Application No. 10/092,534 :
Filed: March 8, 2002 :
For: CONTAINER AND METHOD FOR
TRANSPORTING CARGO ON A FLATBED
VEHICLE

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE APPLICATION
SPECIAL (AGE)

This is in response to the petition filed on March 8, 2002 to make the above-identified application special on the basis of special examining procedure for certain new applications as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV, Applicant's Age. The delay in treating this petition is sincerely regretted.


An application may be accorded special status upon the filing of a petition providing evidence showing that the applicant is at least 65 years old. Such a showing may be provided by evidence such as a birth certificate or a statement from the applicant.

The evidence submitted with the petition is a signed statement from the applicant stating that he is at least 65 years of age.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The examiner is directed (1) to make an interference search for possible interfering applications, (2) to promptly examine this application out of turn, and (3) if any interfering application is discovered, to examine such application simultaneously and state in the first official letter of such application that it is being taken out of turn because of a possible interference.

Petitioner is advised that this application will continue to be special, throughout its entire prosecution and pendency, including interference or appeal, if any, only if petitioner makes a prompt ***bona fide*** effort, in response to each Office action, to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to conduct an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.


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